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SUBJECT: 40TH SESSION, CEMA PERMANENT ENERGY COMMISSION

1. THE 40TH SESSION OF THE CEMA PERMANENT COMMISSION ON ENERGY ENDED ITS WARSAW TALKS JUNE 10. THE CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGAN JUNE 4, WAS DESCRIBED IN BRIEF PRESS ACCOUNTS AS DEALING WITH PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRIC POWER, AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE CONSIDERED CEMA CONSTRUCTION OF A 750 KV LINE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND HUNGARY. ALSO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WAS THE EXTENSION OF EXISTING CEMA HIGH VOLTAGE (400 KV) POWER LINE NETWORK.

2. "TRYBUNA LUDU" ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE REASONED THAT EACH CEMA MEMBER SHOULD
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SPECIALIZE IN THE TYPE OF POWER PRODUCTION BEST SUITED TO

ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. POLAND'S DEVELOPMENT OF HARD AND SOFT COAL-FIRED POWERPLANTS, DESCRIBED AS ENABLING THE POLES TO VOWER CZECHOSLOVAK AND EAST GERMAN ENERGY DEFICITS IN 1973 AND 1974, WAS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE WISDOM OF THIS POLICY.

3. COMMENT: POLISH PLANNING CALLS FOR HEAVY RELIANCE ON THE COUNTRY'S ABUNDANT COAL RESOURCES FOR POWER PRODUCTION. USE OF HARD COAL IN POWER PLANTS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM 32 MILLION METRIC TONS IN 1975 TO 100 MILLION IN THE YEAR 2000. A PARALLEL GROWTH IS ANTICIPATED IN BROWN COAL USAGE. NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO POLISH ELECTRICAL ENERGY OUTPUT UNTIL AT LEAST 1990, WHEN IT IS PLANNED TO ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 13 PER CENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION. GIVEN THE CERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF COAL AND THE RATHER NEBULOUS PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMICALLY GENERATING MAJOR AMOUNTS OF POWER WITH SOVIET NUCLEAR PLANTS, THE POLES ARE NOT LIKELY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES HEAVILY TO NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM. END COMMENT.
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